

**United States Bankruptcy Court  
61288, Houston TX, 77208**

**SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS P.O.Box**  
**(Houston Division)**

### PROOF OF CLAIM

Name of Debtors <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stage Stores, Inc., a Delaware corporation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specialty Retailers, Inc., a Texas corporation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specialty Retailers, Inc. (NV), a Nevada corporation *place an "x" beside the name of the Debtor you are filing a claim against		Case Number 00-35078-H2-11 00-35079-H2-11 00-35080-H2-11		Creditor ID#: 788-21014
Name of Creditor (The person or other entity to whom the debtor owes money or property):  Fairbury Blade The Daily Leader		Check box if you are aware that anyone else has filed a proof of claim relating to your claim. Attach copy of statement giving particulars.		United States District Court Southern District of Texas FILED  AUG 29 2000  Michael M. Milby, Clerk
Name and address where notices should be sent:  *****AUTO**ALL FOR AADC 625 Fairbury Blade The Daily Leader PO Box 170 Pontiac IL 61764-0170  [Barcode]		Check box if you have never received any notices from the bankruptcy court in this case		
		Check box if the address differs from the address on the envelope sent to you by the court.		
Account or other number by which creditor identifies debtor:  101155		Check here _____ replaces if this claim _____ amends a previously filed claim, dated: _____		
1. Basis for Claim <input type="checkbox"/> Goods sold <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Services performed <input type="checkbox"/> Money loaned <input type="checkbox"/> Personal injury/wrongful death <input type="checkbox"/> Taxes <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Retiree benefits as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 1114(a) <input type="checkbox"/> Wages, salaries, and compensation (Fill out below) Your SS#: _____ Unpaid compensation for services performed from _____ to _____ (date)                                    (date)		
2. Date debt was incurred: 5/2000		3. If court judgment, date obtained:		
4. Total Amount of Claim at Time Case Filed: \$ 888.80 If all or part of your claim is secured or entitled to priority, also complete Item 5 or 6 below. <input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if claim includes interest or other charges in addition to the principal amount of the claim. Attach itemized statement of all interest or additional charges.				
5. Secured Claim. <input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if your claim is secured by collateral (including a right of setoff).  Brief Description of Collateral: <input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate <input type="checkbox"/> Motor Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Other All personal and intangible property of Debtor's Estate  Value of Collateral: \$ _____  Amount of arrearage and other charges at time case filed included in secured claim, if any \$ _____		6. Unsecured Priority Claim. <input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if you have an unsecured priority claim Amount entitled to priority \$ _____ Specify the priority of the claim: <input type="checkbox"/> Wages, salaries, or commissions (up to \$4,300)* earned within 90 days before filing of the bankruptcy petition or cessation of the debtor's business, whichever is earlier - 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> Contributions to an employee benefit plan - 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(4). <input type="checkbox"/> Up to \$1,950* of deposits toward purchase, lease, or rental of property or services for personal, family, or household use - 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(6). <input type="checkbox"/> Alimony, maintenance, or support owed to a spouse, former spouse, or child - 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(7). <input type="checkbox"/> Taxes or penalties owed to governmental units - 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(8). <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Specify applicable paragraph of 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)-_____. <small>*Amounts are subject to adjustment on 4/1/98 and every 3 years thereafter with respect to cases commenced on or after the date of adjustment.</small>		
7. Credits: The amount of all payments on this claim has been credited and deducted for _____ the purpose of making this proof of claim.		This Space Is for Court Use Only		
8. Supporting Documents: Attach copies of supporting documents, such as promissory notes, purchase orders, invoices, itemized statements of running accounts, contracts, court judgments, mortgages, security agreements, and evidence of perfection of lien. DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS. If the documents are not available, explain. If the documents are voluminous, attach a summary.		 001253		
9. Date-Stamped Copy: To receive an acknowledgment of the filing of your claim, enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope and copy of this proof of claim.				
Date 8/23/00	Sign and print the name and title, if any, of the creditor or other person authorized to file this claim (attach copy of power of attorney, if any): Cheryl Bammann-Cheryl Bammann-Accr. Mgk.			
Penalty for presenting fraudulent claim: Fine of up to \$500,000 or imprisonment for up to 5 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152 and 3571.				

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INVOICE — STATEMENT

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AS OF:

05/31/00

ACCOUNT NO1 01155-90

PAYMENT AMOUNT

STAGE

ATTN: RENEE

10210 MAIN

HOUSTON, TX 77025

FOR THE  
ACCOUNT OF:

TERMS:

DATE	DESCRIPTION	INCHES/LINES	RATE	CHARGES	CREDITS	BALANCE
05/03/00	ROP DISPLAY	30.00 I	4.500	135.00		1701.10
05/05/00	PAYMENT				974.30	
	CK 643159					
05/10/00	ROP DISPLAY	66.00 I	4.500	297.00		
	WEEKEND SALE					
05/17/00	PREPRINT	3.20 I	64.00	204.80		
	3200 INSERTS					
05/23/00	PAYMENT				726.80	
	CK 646284					
05/24/00	ROP DISPLAY	56.00 I	4.500	252.00		
	MEMORIAL DAY					
	NEW BALANCE					888.80
CURRENT		30-60 DAYS	60-90 DAYS	90-120 DAYS	OVER 120 DAYS	TOTAL
888.80		.00	.00	.00	.00	888.80

FAIRBURY BLADE

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## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

Southern District of Texas

## Notice of Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Case, Meeting of Creditors, & Deadlines

A chapter 11 bankruptcy case concerning each of the debtor corporations listed below was filed on June 1, 2000

You may be a creditor of one or more of the debtor(s). **This notice lists important deadlines.** You may want to consult an attorney to protect your rights. All documents filed in the cases may be inspected at the bankruptcy clerk's office at the address listed below.

NOTE: The staff of the bankruptcy clerk's office cannot give legal advice.

### See Reverse Side For Important Explanations.

<b>Debtor (name(s), case numbers and address):</b>  Stage Stores, Inc., a Delaware corp.; Case No. 00-35078-H2-11 Specialty Retailers, Inc., a Texas corp.; Case No. 00-35079-H2-11 Specialty Retailers, Inc. (NV), a Dallas corp.; Case No. 00-35080-H2-11 10210 Main Street Houston, TX 77025-5229 <b>Toll Free Number: 1-800-804-2013 (for case information)</b>	<b>Jointly Administered Under</b> <b>Case Number 00-35078-H2-11</b>  <b>Taxpayer ID Nos:</b>  76-0407711 (Stage Stores, Inc.) 74-0821900 (Specialty Retailers, Inc.) 91-1826900 (Specialty Retailers, Inc. (NV))
<b>Attorney for Debtors (name and address):</b>  Andrew E. Jillson, Esq. Lynnette R. Warman, Esq. Jenkins & Gilchrist, a Professional corporation 1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 3200 Dallas, TX 75202-2799	<b>Attorneys for Debtors Telephone Number:</b>  Toll Free 1-877-559-9672  <b>Information may also be obtained from the following website:</b> Website address: <a href="http://www.stagestoresbankruptcy.com">www.stagestoresbankruptcy.com</a>

### Meeting of Creditors

<b>Date:</b> 7 / 11 / 00	<b>Time:</b> 2:00 ( ) A.M. (X) P.M.	<b>Location:</b> U.S. Courthouse Jury Assembly Room 515 Rusk, 6 <sup>th</sup> Floor Houston, Texas 77002
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### Deadlines to File a Proof of Claim

Proofs of Claim must be *received* by the bankruptcy clerk's office by the following deadline:

<b>For all creditors (except a governmental unit):</b> 10/9/00	<b>For a governmental unit:</b> 11/28/00
<b>Mail claim to:</b> U.S. Bankruptcy Court P.O. Box 61288 Houston, TX 77208	

### Creditors May Not Take Certain Actions:

The filing of the bankruptcy case automatically stays certain collection and other actions against the debtor and the debtor's property. If you attempt to collect a debt or take other action in violation of the Bankruptcy Code, you may be penalized.	
<b>Address of the Bankruptcy Clerk's Office:</b> 515 Rusk Avenue 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Houston, Texas 77002 Telephone number: 713/250-5115	<b>For the Court:</b>  <b>Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court:</b>  Michael N. Milby, Clerk
<b>Hours Open:</b> 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	<b>Date:</b>